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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Alison HOPKINS		
Application No.: 09/485,245		Group Art Unit: 1655
Filed: March 27, 2000		Examiner: C. Wilder
For:	COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING RANDOM MIXTURES OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES	

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 8, 2003, in the above-identified application in which pending claims 1 and 3-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godiska et al., U.S. Patent 5,759,804 in view of Shen et al., European Patent EP 0 726 310 A1. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are hereby requested in light of the following amendments. This response is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims can be found on Page 2.

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